SWINOMISH TRIBAL COURT NOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

In re

Swinomish Tribal Court.

Case No.: CVSO - 2020-0011

General Order of Continuance

TO: Swinomish Tribal Police; Swinomish Tribal Prosecutor; Swinomish Tribal Advocates; Parties appearing before the Tribal Court

THIS MATTER came before the Court sua sponte. This order is issued in response to the recent public health concern caused by Covid-19. At the time of the issuance of this order there are no known cases of the virus in Skagit County or the Swinomish Tribal Community. By Resolution No. 2020-03-042 the Swinomish Senate Declared a Public Health Emergency and set forth directives to protect the Swinomish Tribal Community and employees and to aid in the containment of the disease. The Swinomish Government, however, like all local governments, is taking the matter seriously and acting to protect the health and safety of the public and the people that work in the tribal community. At this time it is recommended that any non-essential public gathers of more than 10 participants should be cancelled or postponed, and/or alternate methods of meeting that reduce the threat of exposure to the disease or spreading the disease should be employed. After consultation with counsel, the court issues the following order of continuance. Cases set for Monday March 16, 2020 are rescheduled to Monday April 13, 2020 at the same time as currently set. The matters currently scheduled for Tuesday March 17, 2020, except the Wellness Court docket, are hereby continued to Tuesday March 31, 2020 at the same time as currently set. All matters currently scheduled for Wednesday March 18, 2020 are hereby continued to Wednesday April 1, 2020 at the same scheduled time. Pursuant to STC 3-03,350 (B) the court finds good cause to toll speedy trial in all matters until the case is brought before the court.





At this time, the court intends to continue holding hearings as necessary and required by statute in the case of individuals arrested and taken into custody by the tribal police as well as parties seeking emergency relief from the court. Where possible, such hearings may be conducted remotely as determined on a case-by-case basis or by protocol established by the office of the Clerk of the Court.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of March, 2020.

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Mark W. Pouley, Chief Judge Swinomish Tribal Court